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## **Federal charges are filed in alleged interstate trailer heists**

Federal complaints have been filed in Providence against four Rhode Island men who were allegedly involved in the thefts of trailers containing toys and mattresses. Rhode Island State Police arrested the four on February 20 after the theft of a trailer full of mattresses in Sharon, Massachusetts.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente, Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Colonel Steven M. Pare, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, jointly announced two complaints, which were filed on February 24 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

Charged with conspiracy to transport stolen property interstate, conspiracy to possess stolen property that had been transported interstate, and possessing stolen property that had been transported interstate are: **Daniel J. Stone**, 29, of 449 Woodward Road, North Providence; **Danilo A. Nunez**, 32, of 554 Woodward Avenue, North Providence; **James D. Marsden**, 26, of 33 Clark Avenue, #2, Pawtucket; and **Alvin J. Perry**, 24, of 998 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston.

All four defendants appeared this week before Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond, who set unsecured bond: Stone and Marsden appeared today, Perry yesterday and Nunez on Wednesday. The charges are felonies and are therefore subject to review by a grand jury.

One complaint charges Stone, Nunez, and Marsden with taking part in what is called in an affidavit a "Toy Heist" – the theft in December of a trailer containing \$48,000 worth of toys

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and electronic games belonging to KB Toys. The other complaint charges all four defendants with a “Mattress Heist” on February 20 – the theft of a trailer from the parking lot of a Mattress Discounter’s Warehouse in Sharon, Massachusetts.

### **“Toy Heist”**

According to the affidavit supporting the complaints, the trailer load of toys was stolen in Franklin, Massachusetts and driven to a remote location off Davisville Road in Rhode Island. On December 22, state police detectives observed a U-Haul truck being driven away from that location. The next day, detectives saw Stone, Nunez, Marsden, and an unidentified woman unloading merchandise from the U-Haul in a driveway on Vincent Street, North Providence.

In January, East Greenwich and North Kingstown police officers, using a global positioning device supplied by the trailer’s owner, recovered the stolen KB Toys trailer at the Davisville Road site.

### **“Mattress Heist”**

On February 20, according to the affidavit, detectives watched Marsden drive to the parking lot of a Mattress Discounters Warehouse in Sharon, Massachusetts. A short time later, Perry arrived with a tractor truck, hooked it up to a trailer containing about \$27,000 worth of mattresses and drove off. Detectives arrested Perry after he drove the stolen trailer to a location in North Providence. They arrested Marsden when he arrived at the same location and subsequently arrested Stone and Nunez on state warrants stemming from the toy heist.

**Rhode Island State Police** and the **Federal Bureau of Investigation** investigated the alleged truck heists. Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Rose is prosecuting the federal case.

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